

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for extracting water from laundry articles between a wash cycle and a rinse cycle, said method comprising performing a spin cycle between the wash cycle and the rinse cycle, said spin cycle comprising:

a first initial spin extracting water from the laundry articles;

a first rest period after said first initial spin; and

a spin subsequent said first rest period extracting additional water from the laundry articles, said spin subsequent said first rest period commencing immediately after said first rest period, said spin subsequent said first rest period comprising a spin lasting until ~~an end of said spin~~ a start of the rinse cycle.

2. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a second initial spin subsequent the first rest period, said second initial spin commencing immediately after said first rest period; and

a second rest period subsequent the second initial spin, said spin subsequent said first rest period comprising a spin subsequent said second rest period and lasting until said end of said spin cycle.

3. (original) A method according to Claim 2 wherein at least one of said first initial spin and said second initial spin lasts for up to eight seconds.

4. (original) A method according to Claim 2 wherein at least one of said first initial spin and said second initial spin lasts for between six to ten seconds.

5. (original) A method according to Claim 2 wherein at least one of said first initial spin and said second initial spin lasts for at least eight seconds.

6. (original) A method according to Claim 2 wherein at least one of said first rest period and said second rest period lasts for up to twelve seconds.

7. (original) A method according to Claim 2 wherein at least one of said first rest period and said second rest period lasts for between ten to fourteen seconds.

8. (original) A method according to Claim 2 wherein at least one of said first rest period and said second rest period lasts for at least twelve seconds.

9. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said first initial spin lasts for between 6-10 seconds and said first rest period lasts for between 10 and 14 seconds.

10. (previously presented) A washing machine comprising:

a basket;

a motor providing motion for said basket; and

a controller operatively coupled to said motor for controlling said motor, said controller configured to perform a spin cycle between a wash cycle and a rinse cycle by starting said motor for a first initial spin, stopping said motor for a first rest period, and starting said motor immediately following the first rest period to spin until the spin cycle ends.

11. (previously presented) A washing machine according to Claim 10 wherein said controller is further configured to start said motor for a second initial spin immediately following the first rest period, stop said motor for a second rest period subsequent the second initial spin, and start said motor subsequent the second rest period to spin until the spin cycle ends.

12. (original) A washing machine according to Claim 11 wherein at least one of the first initial spin and the second initial spin lasts for approximately eight seconds.

13. (original) A washing machine according to Claim 11 wherein at least one of the first rest period and the second rest period last for approximately twelve seconds.

14. (original) A washing machine according to Claim 11 wherein said controller comprises an electronic controller.

15. (original) A washing machine according to Claim 11 wherein said controller comprises an electromechanical controller.

16. (original) A washing machine according to Claim 11 wherein the first and second initial spins are at a first speed and the spin subsequent the second initial spin is at a second speed which is faster than the first speed.

17. (previously presented) A control system for a washing machine, the washing machine including a basket and a motor coupled to the basket to provide agitation in the basket, said control system configured to perform a spin cycle between a wash cycle and a rinse cycle by starting the motor for a first initial spin, stopping said motor for a first rest period, and starting the motor immediately following the first rest period to spin until the spin cycle ends.

18. (previously presented) A control system according to Claim 17 further configured to start the motor for a second initial spin immediately following the first rest period, stop motor for a second rest period subsequent the second initial spin, and starting the motor subsequent the second rest period to spin until the spin cycle ends.

19. (original) A control system according to Claim 18 wherein at least one of the first initial spin and the second initial spin lasts for at least eight seconds.

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20. (original) A control system according to Claim 18 wherein at least one of the first rest period and the second rest period last for at least twelve seconds.